

**From:** Wendy Speckerman  
**To:** Ms. Renata B. Heese  
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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement (Support)

Dear Ms. Heese:

I am writing in support of the recent settlement of the long-running antitrust lawsuit between the U.S. Department of Justice, state attorneys general and Microsoft Corporation. Though I applaud the nine state attorneys general that decided to follow the federal government's lead and settle the case, I am thoroughly disappointed that remaining state attorneys general (including my own attorney general, Tom Miller of Iowa) and the District of Columbia have decided to further pursue this baseless case.

The settlement is fair to all. It will allow Microsoft's competitors to use Microsoft's Windows operating system to incorporate their software programs and will give consumers more services and products to choose from.

Microsoft's actions did not harm consumers, but provided them with great benefits by lowering the cost and increasing the availability of software products. Microsoft is a pioneer in the high-technology market and their products increased my productivity and my familiarity with the Internet.

At this time of recession, the settlement will allow Microsoft to again focus on innovations that, along with others in the technology sector, will lead the US into another time of economic expansion.

Once again, I thank you for your decision to settle this unfortunate lawsuit against a successful and innovative company.

Respectfully,

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